(c) if so, what is the reaction of the Central Government in this regard and whether any decision has been taken; and

(d) if not, by when a final decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The Site Selection Committee of the Department of Atomic Energy has looked at various sites in Northern Electricity Region including those proposed by the State authorities in Punjab. The Report of the Committee is under consideration of the Government.

Grant-in-aid for projects in the Ministry of Science and Technology

3167. SHRI THANGABAALU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what guidelines have been laid down for giving grant-in-aid to voluntary organisations for various projects in the Ministry of Science and Technology;

(b) what are the details of grant-in-aid organisation-wise and State-wise, in 1985-86 and the amount disbursed, projectwise;

(c) whether the sanctioned amount has been fully utilised; and

(d) if not, what action Government have taken against those organisations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) The Science and Technology content of the Project and its potential usefulness to the society, as judged by an expert committee, are the main guiding principles for giving grant-in-aid to voluntary organisation for specific time-bound projects.

(b) Details are given in Annexure-I. [See Appendix CXL, Annexure No. 110].

(c) and (d) The project grant is sanctioned normally for a period ranging from 2—5 years. The budget for each year is scrutinised and funds released for that year. Further grants are released only after utilization certificates have been obtained. The unutilized part of the grant is returned to the Government.

Grant-in-aid for projects in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

3168. SHRI THANGABAALU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what are the guidelines for giving grant-in-aid to voluntary organisations for various projects in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting;

(b) what are the details of grant-in-aid organisation-wise (All India Character), National and State-wise, for the last year i.e., 1985-86 and the amount disbursed project-wise;

(c) whether the sanctioned amount is fully utilised; and

(d) if not, what action Government has taken against those organisations which fail to utilise properly the sanctioned amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) The general guidelines for grants-in-aid are prescribed in Chapter 11 of the General Financial Rules.

(b) and (c) During 1985-86, the Federation of Film Societies of India was granted an amount of Rs. 1.00 lakh. The requisite Utilization Certificate was duly furnished by the Federation.

(d) Does not arise.